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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Toxicology Program Board of Scientific Counselors; Announcement of Meeting; Request for Comments

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the next meeting of the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC). The BSC, a federally chartered, external advisory group composed of scientists from the public and private sectors, will review and provide advice on programmatic activities. The meeting is open to the public as indicated below, and preregistration is requested for both attendance and oral comment and required to access the webcast. Parts of the meeting will be closed as indicated on the agenda. Information about the meeting and registration are available at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>.

#### DATES:

Meeting: April 16 – 18, 2014, begins at 11:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on April 16, at 8:30 AM on April 17 and 18, and continues each day until adjournment.

Written Public Comment Submissions: Deadline is April 2, 2014.

Preregistration for Meeting and/or Oral Comments: Deadline is April 9, 2014.

Registration to view the meeting via the webcast is required.

#### ADDRESSES:

Meeting Location: Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Meeting Webpage: The preliminary agenda, registration, and other meeting materials are at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>.

Webcast: Webcasting of the meeting will start at 2:00 PM on April 17; the URL will be provided to those who preregister for viewing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Lori White, Designated Federal Officer for the BSC, Office of Liaison, Policy and Review, Division of NTP, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, K2-03, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. Phone: 919-541-9834, Fax: 301-480-3272, Email: [whitelld@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:whitelld@niehs.nih.gov). Hand Deliver/Courier address: 530 Davis Drive, Room K2124, Morrisville, NC 27560.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Meeting and Registration:** Parts of the meeting are open to the public as indicated on the agenda with time scheduled for oral public comments; attendance at the meeting is limited only by the space available. Parts of the meeting are closed to the public as indicated on the agenda in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended, for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual

intramural programs and projects conducted by the NIEHS, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The BSC will provide input to the NTP on programmatic activities and issues. A preliminary agenda, roster of BSC members, background materials, public comments, and any additional information, when available, will be posted on the BSC meeting website (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>) or may be requested in hardcopy from the Designated Federal Officer for the BSC. Following the meeting, summary minutes will be prepared and made available on the BSC meeting website.

The public may attend the meeting in person or view the webcast of the open sessions, which begin at 2 PM on April 17, 2014. Registration is required to view the webcast; the URL for the webcast will be provided in the email confirming registration. Individuals who plan to provide oral comments (see below) are encouraged to preregister online at the BSC meeting website (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>) by April 9, 2014, to facilitate planning for the meeting. Individuals interested in this meeting are encouraged to access the website to stay abreast of the most current information regarding the meeting. Visitor and security information for those attending in-person is available at [niehs.nih.gov/about/visiting/index.cfm](http://niehs.nih.gov/about/visiting/index.cfm). Individuals with disabilities who need accommodation to participate in this event should contact Dr. White at phone: (919) 541-9834 or email: [whiteld@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:whiteld@niehs.nih.gov). TTY users should contact the Federal TTY Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Requests should be made at least five business days in advance of the event.

**Request for Comments:** Written comments submitted in response to this notice should be received by April 2, 2014. Comments will be posted on the BSC meeting website and persons submitting them will be identified by their name and affiliation and/or sponsoring organization, if applicable. Persons submitting written comments should include their name, affiliation (if applicable), phone, email, and sponsoring organization (if any) with the document.

Time is allotted during the open portion of the meeting for the public to present oral comments to the BSC on the agenda topics. Public comments can be presented in-person at the meeting at NIEHS or by teleconference line. There are 50 lines for this call; availability is on a first-come, first-served basis. The available lines will be open from 2:00 PM on April 17 and from 8:30 AM on April 18 until adjournment, although the BSC will receive public comments only during the formal public comment periods, which are indicated on the preliminary agenda. Each organization is allowed one time slot per agenda topic. Each speaker is allotted at least 7 minutes, which if time permits, may be extended to 10 minutes at the discretion of the BSC chair. Persons wishing to present oral comments should register on the BSC meeting website by April 9, 2014, indicate whether they will present comments in-person or via the teleconference line, and indicate the topic(s) on which they plan to comment. The access number for the teleconference line will be provided to registrants by email prior to the meeting. On-site registration for oral comments will also be available on the meeting day, although time allowed for presentation by these registrants may be less than that for pre-registered speakers and will be determined by the number of persons who register at the meeting.

Persons registering to make oral comments are asked to send a copy of their statement and/or PowerPoint slides to the Designated Federal Officer by April 9, 2014. Written statements can supplement and may expand upon the oral presentation. If registering on-site and reading from written text, please bring 40 copies of the statement for distribution to the BSC and NTP staff and to supplement the record.

**Background Information on the BSC:** The BSC is a technical advisory body comprised of scientists from the public and private sectors that provides primary scientific oversight to the NTP. Specifically, the BSC advises the NTP on matters of scientific program content, both present and future, and conducts periodic review of the program for the purpose of determining and advising on the scientific merit of its activities and their overall scientific quality. Its members are selected from recognized authorities knowledgeable in fields such as toxicology, pharmacology, pathology, biochemistry, epidemiology, risk assessment, carcinogenesis, mutagenesis, molecular biology, behavioral toxicology, neurotoxicology, immunotoxicology, reproductive toxicology or teratology, and biostatistics. Members serve overlapping terms of up to four years. The BSC usually meets biannually. The authority for the BSC is provided by 42 U.S.C. 217a, section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS), as amended. The BSC is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

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